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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Carl D. Burch

Confirmation No.: 6826

Application No.: 09/823596

Examiner: Daniel H. Pan

Filing Date: Mar 30, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2183

Title: Retiring Early-Completion Instructions To Improve Computer Operation Throughput

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TOTAL CLAIMS	15	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: